

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 8-9 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 5,989,737 (Xie et al), is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The provisional rejection of Claims 1, 8-9 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 16 of copending Application No. 11/207,933, is respectfully traversed. Claims 8-9 and 18-19 of the present application have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 of the copending application have been (or will be) canceled and Claim 16 has been (or will be) amended. The respective sets of claims are coextensive. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the provisional rejection be withdrawn.

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the provisional rejection be held in abeyance, if not withdrawn.

Claim 1 is now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

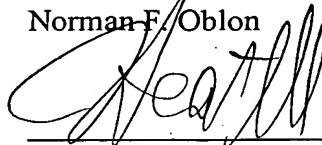
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